

REMARKS

The Examiner has indicated that the prior submitted amendment was not fully responsive to the issued Office Action. Accordingly, without any admission, Applicant herewith responds to the Examiner's further areas of inquiry.

The Examiner has inquired as to the ratio's of the constituents with respect to whether such measurements are taken before or after combination. Applicant has further amended the claims so as to identify the range of ratios after mixing. Support for this amendment can be found in paragraph [0013] for the undiluted shock treatment and in paragraph [0016] for the maintenance treatment. In particular, the numbers were computed using the concentrations and the respective volumes of fluid identified in the foregoing paragraphs. Accordingly, Applicant has removed any remaining ambiguity relative to same.

The Examiner has further inquired as to the concentrations identified in claim 14. Applicant submits that the conversion is as follows: 10,000 ppm is equal to 1 % by weight. As such, Applicant has replaced the ppm measurements to % by weight, so as to have uniform measurements for each. Of course, the numbers can be changed from ppm to % by weight by using the above-identified formula.

The Examiner has inquired as to the significance of the '265 patent relative to the disclosure of the different constituents. First, Applicant submits that the '265 patent discloses a latex based material which is substantially different from that which is claimed by Applicant, and that the material claimed in the '265 patent would not be suitable for Applicant's application. With that being said, Applicant submits that its range of hydrogen peroxide is generally up to 450 ppm. It is explained in the specification how higher ranges of hydrogen peroxide are highly unsuitable. '265 Specification, Col. 4, lines 49-65. This is quite below the ranges identified by

Applicant. For example, with the shock treatment, the low end of the range is almost 6 times that of the high end of the range identified in the '265 patent.

With respect to the '414 patent, Applicant submits that the '414 patent identifies a number of active ingredients that are used together in an aqueous solution. Applicant has limited the presence of other active ingredients.

In light of the foregoing, Applicant submits that to the extent that the prior response was incomplete, the present communication obviates any remaining issues. Accordingly, reconsideration and passage to allowance is respectfully solicited.

Should the Examiner have any questions regarding the foregoing, a telephone call to the undersigned at (616) 355-0400 is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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